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SUBJECT: JAPANESE UTILITIES PROPOSE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE ACTION

1. JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS AND SCIREP CONVERSATION WITH JAPAN GASOLINE CO. EXECUTIVES INDICATED THAT FEDERATION OF ELECTRIC POWER COMPANIES CALLED UTILITY PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE AND IDENTIFIED PLANS FOR ENRICHMENT AND REPROCESSING ACTIONS:

A. SECOND JAPANESE REPROCESSING PLANT, CAPACITY 1500 TONS PER YEAR, TO BE BUILT BY PRIVATE SECTOR. CONSTRUCTION TO START 1982. GOVERNMENT TO INITIATE AMENDMENT TO PRESENT LAW TO PERMIT PRIVATE SECTOR TO BUILD PLANTS FROM GOVT PROVIDED TECHNICAL STANDARDS, AND TO ATTEMPT LOCATE LOW-INTEREST MONEY.

B. JAPAN TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE CENTER.

C. CONSTRUCTION OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT BY PRIVATE SECTOR TO BE CONSIDERED, PRESUPPOSING SUBSIDIES FROM GOVT. CONSTRUCTION TO START 1985.

D. GOVT TO CONSIDER MORE FINANCIAL AID TO URANIUM ORE EXPLORATION OVERSEAS.

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2. PLANS TO BE FORMALLY SUBMITTED TO JAEC NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE

PROBEM COUNCIL MAY 25 FOR DELIBERATION. WHEN SCIREP TALKED WITH SUZUKI, SAKAKIHARA AND NAKAJIMA OF JAPAN GASOLINE CO. MAY 20, THEY, PARTICULARLY SAKAKIHARA, INDICATED THAT FINAL DECISION ON REPROCESSING PLANT ALREADY MADE. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS INDICATE PROPOSAL TO BE SUBMITTED TO JAEC FOR DELIBERATION. NIHON KEIZAI POINTS OUT LAW AMENDMENT MUST PRECEDE DECISION SINCE PRESENT LAW PERMITS REPROCESSING PLANT CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION ONLY BY PNC.

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